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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90374

Young Min KIM, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/551,764

Group Art Unit: 1609

Confirmation No.: 4254

Examiner: Ronald T. Niebauer

Filed: October 3, 2005

For: PEG-PHYSIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE POLYPEPTIDE HOMODIMER COMPLEX
HAVING PROLONGED IN VIVO HALF-LIFE AND PROCESS FOR THE
PREPARATION THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated February 12, 2007. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 to 11 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect "human growth hormone" among the polypeptides as recited in claim 4, "propionic aldehyde" among the PEG linker groups as recited in claim 5, "succinimidyl propionate" among the reactive groups as recited in

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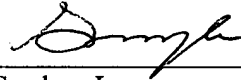
claim 8, and “branched” among the PEG structures as recited in claim 9 for further examination on the merits.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 12.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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